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Inventors: Joseph R. Byrum *et al.*  
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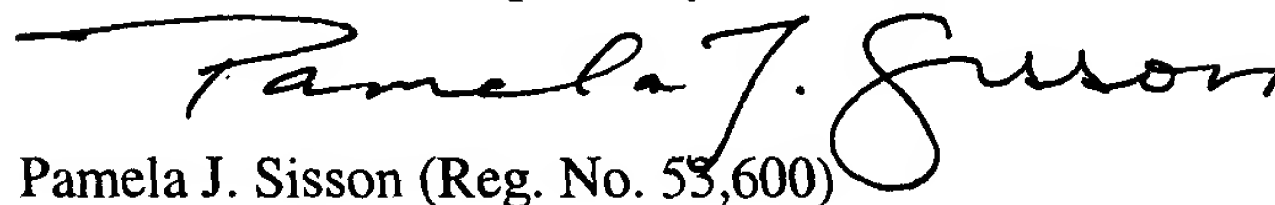
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